

NEWSLETTER

March 2022

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STORM RESPONSE

Throughout February 2022, Scotland's South-West (and the rest of the UK) was impacted by consecutive storms: Storm Dudley, Storm Eunice, and Storm Franklin. Our resilience and TRISS teams geared up to respond to any issues that impacted key travel routes including clearing debris. Our winter team deployed a full fleet of gritter vehicles with the addition of tractors, Fastrac snow ploughs, and an increased recovery vehicle presence on higher areas of our road network.

On Friday 18th February 2022, Good Morning Britain broadcast our response to Storm Eunice live from Scotland's largest salt barn in our Polmadie Depot. STV News dropped in to interview Nick Russell, our Severe Weather Manager and the Scotsman profiled our hardworking gritters, coining them the "world's best named vehicles". You can watch our fleet in action [here](#)

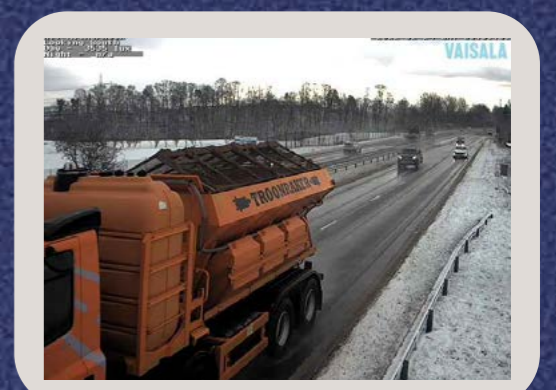
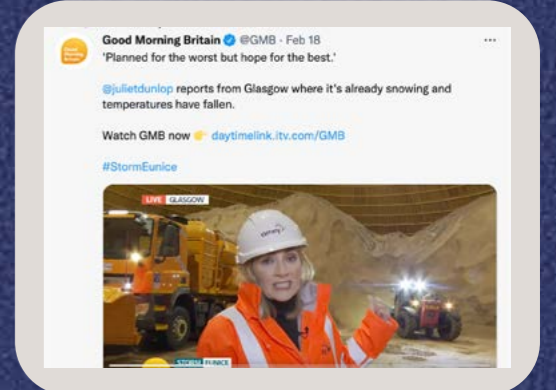



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GREEN DRIVER AWARD WINNER



John Allen

Amey's biggest environmental impact comes from our use of fossil fuels and we use around 10 million litres every year to deliver our services. One of the ways we can help tackle this is through improving our driver behaviours. To help encourage positive change, we will be assessing Masternaut data every quarter and rewarding our greenest drivers with Amey STAR awards.

Amey Stars Awards 2021 Eco Hero

We are very pleased to announce that the winner of the first ever Amey Eco Hero Award is Craig MacGarvie. Craig is the Environmental & Sustainability Manager for Transport Infrastructure across Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Craig's commitment and passion demonstrate that he is wholly deserving of this award, finding practical and sustainable solutions that improve Amey's overall environmental performance and

help us achieve our Net Zero and Sustainability goals. Eco successes in the South-West include Craig's trial that replaced diesel-powered welfare units with eco-hybrid welfare units at the M8 Woodside Viaduct fuel saving 7.4 tonnes of CO2 over an estimated 8-month period.

A huge congratulations to Craig on this fantastic achievement.

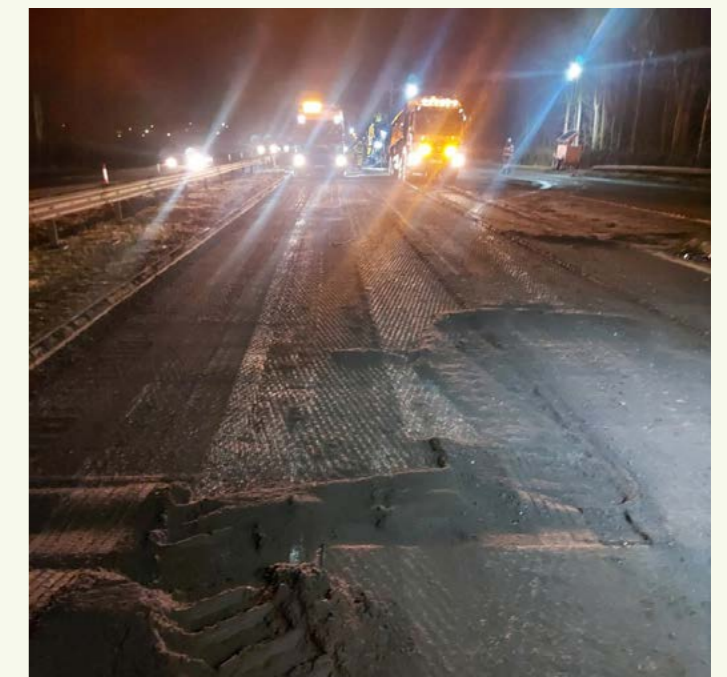
A77 Bellfield 100% Solar Lighting Trial

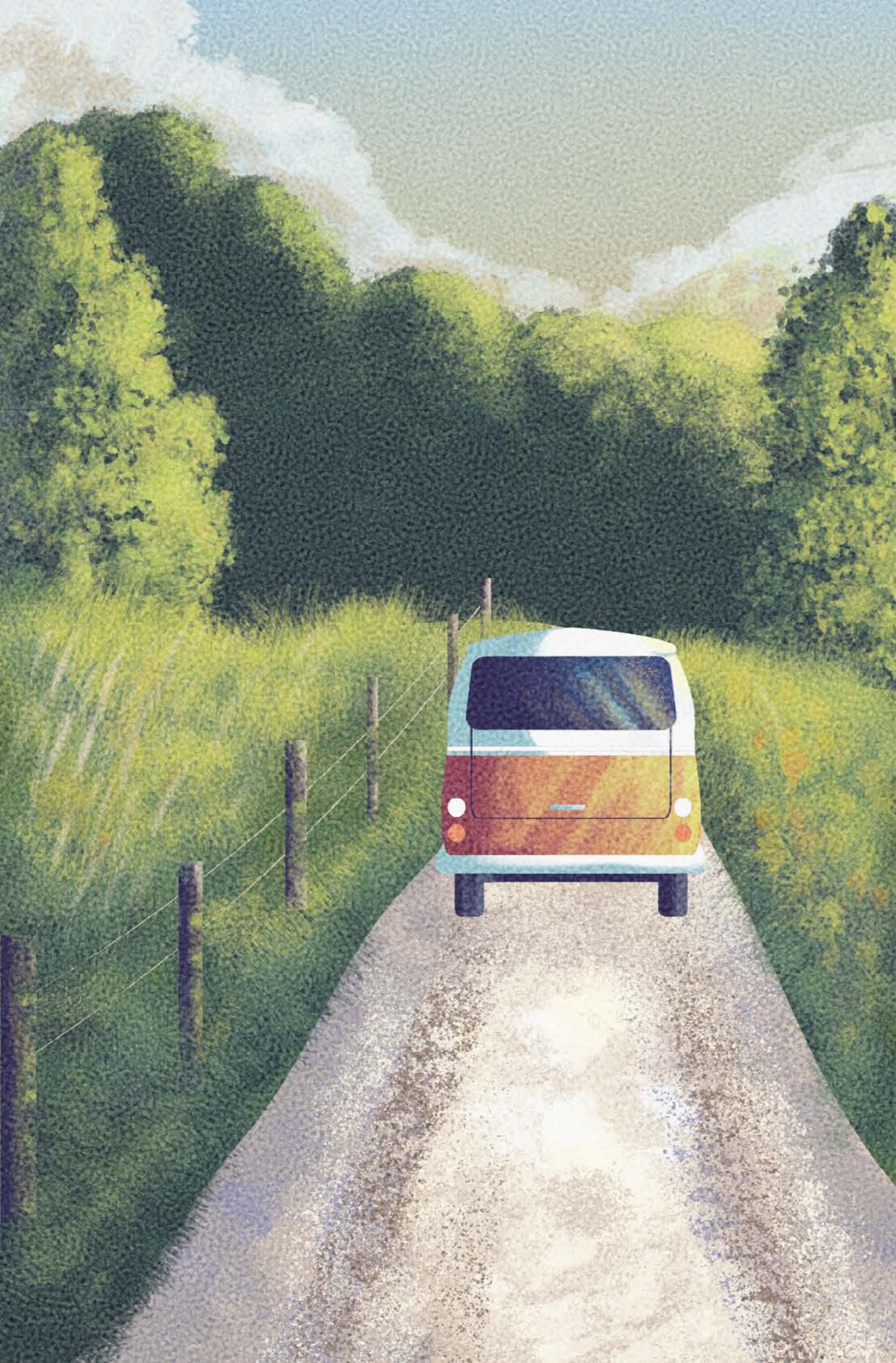
In February 2022, new zero emission, solar powered eco-lighting was trialled on the A77 at Bellfield during road maintenance, with a view to reduce carbon emissions and continue working towards our contract's goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2032.

The objective was to trial zero emission temporary lighting as a replacement for the standard diesel-powered lighting currently used widely throughout the network. With sufficient capacity to work during winter conditions, 12 Pro RXM solar lights were ordered for the site and were in place over the duration of a full weekend. The lights were functional for around 10 hours a night (3 nights total), around 30 hours total run time. The trial saved 216 litres of fuel, equating to a carbon reduction of 0.5 tonnes.

These solutions reduce the need for diesel refuelling, which mitigates any potential pollution issues. Unlike diesel units, solar units are zero emission. There is no CO2 released at source and no other harmful chemicals which can impact air

quality. They are also completely silent which will be of benefit when working close to sensitive noise receptors. The successful trialling of zero emission lighting is an exciting step towards the end-goal of carbon neutrality on Scotland's South-West Trunk Roads





GOOD NEWS ← STORIES

A78 Footpath Reinstatement **Lost and Found**

In February of 2022, Amey operatives carried out the reinstatement of a communal path down to the beach, near the Waterside Hotel south of Seamill, following a flooding incident in April 2021.

After being approached by a member of the public who has expressed concern regarding damage to the informal path on the shoreside, a review of the site was undertaken, and it was agreed that the path had been damaged to the point that it was unsafe for users, and may lead to water collecting, potentially creating further issues at this location.

We are happy to report that the footpath down to the beach is now fully operational.

On 15th January, Amey operatives Barry Currier, Alan McGuckin and Billy Bellingham discovered a purse lying on the ground as they began work on the A77 outside Hansel Village, South Ayrshire. The operatives went to great efforts to trace the owner and arrangements were made to return the purse.

The owner was overwhelmed at the resourcefulness of our operatives and insisted that the money in the purse was given to them as a reward and a thank you. The money was graciously accepted and subsequently donated to charity. In recognition of their dedication and thoughtfulness Amey Star Awards have been presented to each of the operatives. A huge thank you goes out to them for their exemplary behaviour.



Amey shines a light for elderly resident

At the request of Renfrewshire South MSP, Tom Arthur, Amey investigated a fault with streets lights outside Clerksbridge cottages. An elderly, visually-impaired resident was concerned that two of the three lights outside her house had not been working for some time, and repairs were being hampered as the responsibility for maintaining these lights was unclear. Discussions between the Council and Amey were taking place but in the meantime the issue of the non-functioning lights persisted.

However, as a one-off goodwill gesture, Amey sought the permission of Transport Scotland to undertake a repair to these lights to address the resident's concerns. Permission was given, and once the correct equipment was sourced the repair was undertaken to the delight of the elderly homeowner and Mr Arthur, so a big thanks to Brendan O'Sullivan and Mark Williams from Amey who pushed to get this work completed.



KINCAIDSTON APPEAL

In December 2021, Amey Scottish Regional Hub gifted £1,000 to families impacted by a suspected gas explosion in Kincaidston, Ayr. A special thank you to Sharon Adam, Ian Stewart, Margaret Tyrie, and Hugh Gaw from Amey South-West Trunk Roads who ensured the donation was delivered to the support fund for those impacted by the incident. Living and working in the local community, they have witnessed first-hand the devastation caused within the area.

Thank you and well done to everyone who has rallied around to offer assistance to those in need.



CHRISTMAS STORIES

The Reinvention: Triumph Over Injury

In December 2021, Amey South-West Trunk Roads was invited to participate in a Christmas toy appeal by Angela McShane from The Reinvention: Triumph over Injury. The Reinvention is a community which aims to provide support, advice, and assistance to those who have experienced life-changing injuries, as well as for families and friends of those coming to terms with life post-injury. Angela has also previously worked alongside Amey's Strategic Road Safety Team.

Angela and the Amey team went on a shopping trip to select toys, using the donated funds, for the patients at QEUH and were aided by helpful elves from the TRISS team to deliver the gifts to Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity HQ.

Amey's Scotland Regional Hub donated £500 towards the appeal to spread some Christmas cheer among victims of life-changing road traffic incidents at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow. A further appeal provided Christmas gifts to children within NHS Tayside Ninewells Hospital.

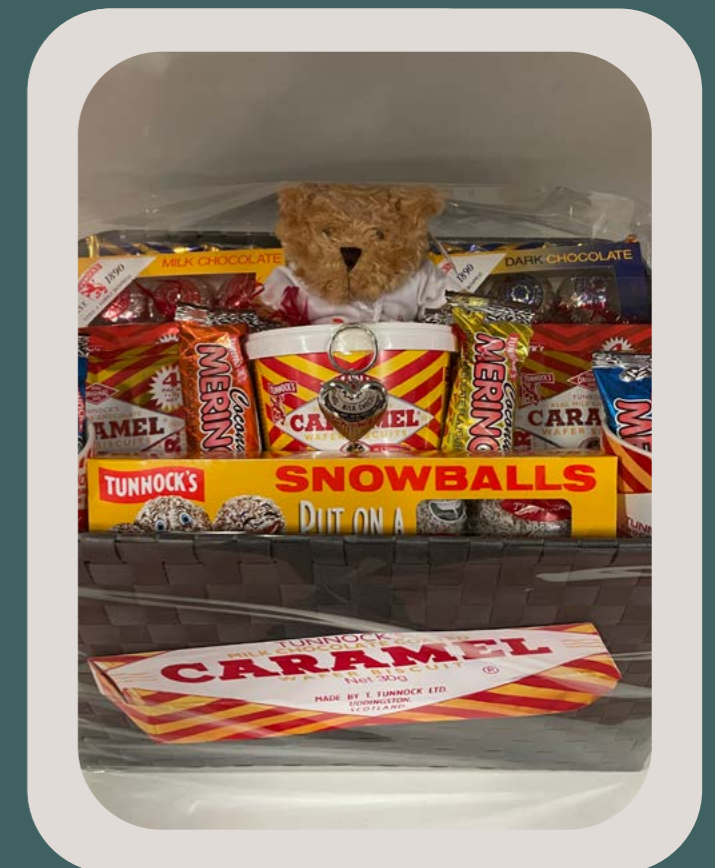


TUNNOCK'S HAMPER WINNER

In addition to naming our latest gritter 'Caramelt Wafer', Tunnock's agreed to collaborate with us once more to organise a 'How many Tunnock's Snowballs would fit into a gritter?' competition.

Run entirely on social media, the competition asked those entering how many Tunnock's Snowballs they believed would fit into an Amey gritter vehicle for a chance to win a Tunnock's hamper and personalised model gritter. The competition was won by Susan Robertson, who guessed 385,500 snowballs, very nearly reaching the exact number of 400,000. The hamper and a 'Wee Susie' gritter were delivered before Christmas to be enjoyed over the festivities.

Congratulations Susan and thank you to all who took part.



Sign up for Roadwork Alerts

Roadwork alerts are available for all 17 of South West Scotland's Trunk Roads. This is a free service where the latest road maintenance and improvement schemes are announced FIRST. Updates on incidents and weather events will also be delivered straight to your inbox and you can personalise the alerts to your needs. All you need is an email address to get started.

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Report a Problem

If you need to report an immediate issue on the South-West Trunk Roads network, please use our Report A Problem form on the website. Completed forms are sent direct to our control room who operate 24/7, 365 days a year.

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Dates for your diary

Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland as part of the Network Management Contract for the South-West Trunk Road Unit, are undertaking essential bridge refurbishment work on the M8 between Junctions 25 (Cardonald) and 25A (Braehead) from Tuesday 7th March until Thursday 30th June 2022.

Traffic management will be in operation throughout the duration of the works. The refurbishment works are being undertaken on three bridges between Junctions 25 and 25A of the westbound M8 motorway and include bridge deck waterproofing, concrete repairs, parapet upgrades, drainage improvements, and resurfacing works. The traffic management for this scheme is split into four phases with full details available from our website.

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